Sl.No.	States	STPI Centers
26	Punjab	Mohali
27	Rajasthan	Jaipur
28	Tamilnadu	Chennai
29	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore
30	Tamilnadu	Madurai
31	Tamilnadu	Thirunavelli
32	Tamilnadu	Trichy
33	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
34	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
35	Uttar Pradesh	Noida
36	Uttaranchal	Dehradun
37	West Bengal	Kolkata

Society for Electronic Transaction and Security

1560. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Society for Electronic Transaction and Security has received a request for setting up of its base in the various States alongwith Internet Security Centre;

(b) if so, the details of the request received from the States especially from Maharashtra;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have set up a Committee headed by Dr. M. Vidyasagar to examine the matter related with Internet Security in the country;

(e) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(f) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The main recommendation of the Committee was to register a non-profit society for looking after all aspects related to information security in the country. On the basis of that recommendation, the Society for Electronic Transaction and Security (SETS) was registered with the Registrar of Societies, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Delhi, under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 on the 22nd of May, 2002.

Telephone Arrears of BSNL

1561. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has drawn a strategy to recover its arrears amounting to over Rupees Four thousand crores across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BSNL has adopted any measures to recover the dues from the subscribers in the past; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The issue of telephone bills and recovery thereof is a continuous process. While facilities are provided to subscribers to promptly pay their telephone bills, some of them fail to do so in time. Thus, after each billing cycle the cumulative amount of arrears tends to go up. The amount of (over-three-months-old) arrears of telephone revenue as on 31.12.2002 is Rs. 2655 crores. The strategy of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for realization of its telephone dues includes